

Sunday Nov 10

My dearest George

Lusula brought a paper last night that announced the Kaisers abdication in its stop press news, also that the Crown Prince has given up all claim to the throne which gives me even more pleasure.

Oh my dear I do hope you will come back soon I do so want to get back ~~you~~ to our own house. At moments I wish the Greens were there there so that I could just give them a months notice and we could go in before Christmas. If we can only get one servant to begin with I must be the other but I expect we shall manage two alright.

Lusula did arrive in time for her & Marby to go to the Hall to dinner though they were a good bit late but Mary Anne said 'better late than not at all'. I feel almost quite well this morning.

I have finished War & Peace I did leave out some of the Historical discussion because Tolstoy wanted to me to say the same

thing over and over again only in different words with slightly different illustrations. But I have enjoyed the whole book immensely and he has created wonderful characters.

Bridget & Stephen & Mary Anne & I think Owen are coming to tea today. I should have been disappointed not to see Bridget at all. Its not at all the same thing though having people here as in our own house & I am beginning to long for our own house very much.

Mrs Wooten has succeeded in making herself very disagreeable over the children this morning. There is a milk shortage & she was trying to cut down the children first which of course is not right so Violet quite rightly told me and then instead of leaving it for me to tell Marjorie she put Mrs Wooten's back up by saying something so her & poor Marjorie get the benefit of it. Mrs Wooten is a quarrelsome old thing. However its quite time we left. These things are a bother. Unfortunately people of the lower classes especially the women

are brought up to quarrel instead of being brought up not to so many of them really enjoy it.

Dearest I really am very very thrilled about Peace only instead of being excited I only want to cry when I think about it. But I expect every one feels like that. I don't think we feel a bit triumphant but just thankful and satisfied that the job is well done and very very sad to think of all that has been. As soon as the news is heard they are going to ring the church bells and we are all going to church. I suppose they would not ring them late at night or at any quite impossible time. I hardly fear that the Germans won't accept as I don't see how they can possibly refuse. What a mass of Kings and Princes have abdicated suddenly. Soon our own King will be the only survivor of an antiquated order. I do hope that the German revolution will remain a bloodless one. I don't want any

more people killed and I hope we may be able to do something to stop the Russians, they have been behaving in absolutely abominable way.

Bridget and Stephen have just left it was very nice having them to tea but for a good talk there were too many people who did not know one another very well & then I had to go off and put the children to bed.

Mary Anne & Owen can have that house on January 7th & by taking it then instead of before Christmas they will get it much cheaper so it looks as though we must stick to that. I hope you won't think I have settled wrong. It would be nice for us to go in a little sooner. It seems as though there is some chance that Owen may go to the Peace Conference in which case Mary Anne would take the children to Denton if possible and not keep a house. I suppose then they might like to give up the Halt sooner. I can't make this letter longer because I must go and see something of Hosula.

Yours very very loving

Ruth.